



Trudy Beyak

AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST NON-FICTION AUTHOR



“Sharing stories that matter!”

An award-winning journalist for 20 years, Trudy Beyak is acclaimed by the North American newspaper industry for her compassion and tenacity in pursuing stories that help people to live healthier, happier lives. Publishers respect her as an “*original thinker*” known for her expertise on: Politics, Current Events, the Environment, Health, the Sciences, Spirituality and Christianity. Trudy’s stories inspire the public to take action to resolve issues of injustice, said Don McQuinn as he gave her a *Special Achievement* award. “Trudy has been described as the ‘*David against Goliath,*’ reporter. Despite sometimes formidable challenges, her writing the truth has always prevailed. She is a wonderful example of proving that one person can make a difference.”



~ CAREER HIGHLIGHTS ~

- **THIRTY (30) “First Place” Journalism Awards and Excellent Achievement Awards for “Best Investigative News Stories,” “Special Reports” and “Features.”**
- The Order of Abbotsford for excellence in journalism, integrity and dedication serving the public.
- First Place Award, from the Suburban Newspapers of America [SNA], “Best Investigative Reporting,” for “*Where’s the Money?*” Trudy took the wraps off an investment corporation defrauding vulnerable seniors, even one with close ties to a Supreme Court judge’s son. When the news series hit the streets, authorities quickly shut down the company.
- First place Award, “Best Feature Series,” *Dealing with Sexual Predators*, an in-depth special report on the justice system and how various prison programs fail to protect innocent children from molesters. Judges deemed the article ground-breaking. “What every parent needs to know!”
- First Place Award, “Best Feature Story,” for *Living a Positive Life*, a moving story about a Mom who had no idea she had AIDS until her baby died of the dreaded disease. When she found out she was HIV positive, she turned tragedy into triumph by creating a prevention program for teens.
- Thoughtful, inquisitive, and deeply spiritual, Trudy Beyak loves people and inspiring stories. She has interviewed numerous leaders of faith, including Dr. Raymond Damadian, inventor of the MRI; Dr. Francis Collins, former Director of the Human Genome Project; Ruth Graham, the Vatican, J.I. Packer, editor of the *ESV Bible*; Danae Dobson, Gary Chapman, and many others. Trudy’s first nonfiction book, *The Mother Heart of God: Unveiling the Mystery of the Father’s Love* is published by FaithWords, Nashville, TN, USA, Hachette Book Group [formerly known as Time Warner].

~ Complete list of awards available upon request ~

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WHY DO WE NEED THE TRUTH?

*“The truth matters, because it is the foundation for everything else that matters in life!
We need good information in order to make good decisions.”*

TRUDY BEYAK



Above: Hiking and photography near Adams River, a world-famous salmon run, totaling in the millions.
Trudy receives the Order of Abbotsford for “Excellence in Journalism.”



Guest Speaker on TV, Radio & Public Forums

QUOTES WHY THE PUBLIC RESPECTS TRUDY BEYAK

“Compassion!”

“HONESTY, EMPATHY AND TENACITY!”

“Big impact!”

“Trudy has a wonderful ability to report on complex issues with clarity and objectivity.”

RANDY BLAIR, PUBLISHER, BLACK PRESS

“Brilliant, balanced and beautiful!”

BOOK REVIEW

“Trudy Beyak’s in-depth reporting covers all angles. Her writing is clear and crisp and includes evocative scenes.”

BCYCNA

“Trudy has passion that knows no bounds – unbridled enthusiasm!”

RICK RAKE, CO-PUBLISHER, CLICK MEDIA WORKS

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A SOCIAL CONSCIENCE

“Trudy Beyak’s powerful story-telling jumps off the page, excellent reporting and understanding of one’s subject – amazing work!” – Judge, re, story, *Children of the Genocide*.



A series of environmental stories by Abbotsford News reporter Trudy Beyak has won North American acclaim from the Suburban Newspapers of America.

News tops in North America

Beyak sweeps four contests with Suburban Newspapers of America win

Competing against North American newspapers from New York and Toronto, to Chicago and Los Angeles, Abbotsford News reporter Trudy Beyak has won first place for environmental writing in the prestigious Suburban Newspapers of America (SNA) editorial contest.

The win marks an unprecedented sweep of four different environmental contests for Beyak with her investigative reporting into the proposed Sumas Energy 2 power plant project and other energy issues.

Beyak’s SNA award is for a series of stories subsequent to the four-page SE2 *Power Struggle* feature that focus on the power plant parade proposed in Washington state and the gas lines leading to the Sumas hub at the southern end of Whatcom Road.

The SNA includes 2,000 suburban newspapers in North America. Their member newspapers reach more than 17 million households and more than 42 million readers throughout the United States and Canada.

“Trudy’s tenacity and her ability to dig deeply into a story are true assets for our newsroom,” said Abbotsford News editor Rick Rake.

“Trudy is stubborn and will not take ‘No’ for an answer when information sources throw up unnecessary roadblocks. She cares dearly about the community she is reporting on.”



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The SNA award is in addition to those she garnered from the Jack Webster Foundation, the Canadian Community Newspapers Association and the British Columbia and Yukon Community Newspapers Association (BCYCNA) with her SE2 entries entitled *A Power Struggle*.

Abbotsford News publisher Randy Blair said: “Trudy’s grand slam win of these four prestigious awards is a remarkable accomplishment.

“The Jack Webster awards are one of the highest honours a journalist can receive in B.C. and the SNA awards represent the best in suburban journalism in North America.

“Trudy has a wonderful ability to report on complex issues with clarity, objectivity and a focus that is appreciated by readers and respected by her peers,” said Blair.

“Her success can be attributed to her insatiable passion for her community and her unending capacity for hard work.

“Trudy has played a key role in making the Abbotsford News one of the leading suburban newspapers in North America.”

SNA judges said Beyak did “a tremendous job with the subject. It was well researched and written from all sides. The graphics helped the reader understand the issue.”

Tonight Beyak is in Vancouver as a nominee for top environmental writing in the BCYCNA better newspapers competition. Beyak won top spot in the same category last year.



National writers recognize Beyak

Abbotsford News reporter Trudy Beyak was presented with the 2005 “Special Achievement” award on Friday at the Surrey International Writers Conference.

The award was presented by the Surrey Chamber of Commerce to honor a writer who has made a “significant contribution to the community of writers.”

Beyak’s well-written and thoroughly-researched articles have provided a great public service for more than 15 years, said Don McQuinn during the award ceremony.

He gave a brief history of the journalist’s career at the Abbotsford News.

Beyak was born in Abbotsford and raised in the small farming community of Bradner. Her parents owned a daffodil farm and growing up in the country kindled a deep appreciation and respect for the natural beauty around her, McQuinn said.

Raising three daughters in rural Clayburn, Beyak chose to work close to home because of her love for her family and the community, he said.

The Surrey Chamber of Commerce chose Beyak for the award because she is committed to writing comprehensive news stories to help the public stay aware of what is happening, McQuinn said.

“Trudy has a strong sense of fairness, and takes great care to present both sides of an issue – and there has definitely been no shortage of issues in the Fraser Valley.”

She exposed the plans of the Sumas Energy 2 (SE2) power company to build a \$400-million power plant a short distance across the border from Abbotsford and she continues to cover this unresolved and volatile story,

he said. “Trudy also covered the Avian flu outbreak in the Fraser Valley last year with provocative stories ranging from the federal government’s mismanagement of the crisis – to the heart-breaking effect of this catastrophe on one farming family.”

For these two stories alone she won two Jack Webster awards for excellence in journalism, McQuinn noted.

In fact, her stories have earned 10 provincial, Canadian and North American awards in journalism this past year – and, yet her warmth and sincerity shines through when she says that her only objective is to raise awareness in her community, McQuinn said.

Beyak also alerts the public on many environmental issues.

“Trudy has often been described as the ‘David against Goliath’ reporter, and despite the sometimes-ferocious challenges, her passion for writing the truth has always prevailed,” said the award presenter.

“Beyak is a wonderful example of proving that one person can make a difference,” he said.

Though she maintains a deep respect for other people’s choices, she remains true to herself.

Her love of humanity and the earth we live on has touched the lives and hearts of many people, McQuinn added.

She never sought recognition for her writing, but instead, considers her ability to write as a “treasured gift that can make a positive contribution to the world.”



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INSPIRING LIVES



**“Tadpoles grow into frogs. They never go back in time to being eggs.
Children grow into college students; never go back to coloring frogs.**

Life is a series of irretrievable, unrepeatable moments.”

TRUDY BEYAK, *THE MOTHER HEART OF GOD*

**“Trudy touches the heart of what it means to be human and
what it means to grow in grace and understanding.”**

LYNNE BUNDESEN, PHOTOGRAPHER & AUTHOR

“BALANCED, INFORMATIVE, YET WARM AND POSITIVE!”

BCYCNA ON TRUDY’S WRITING STYLE

“Powerful story-telling!”

“Work of strength and substance.”

“Depth, sense of drama, and simplicity!”

BCYCNA NEWSPAPERS’ ASSOCIATION

Brilliant, balanced, and beautiful!

**What a superb and important contribution to the
expanding conversation. I love it! Humanity is
delivered a stunning and important gift!**

WILLIAM PAUL YOUNG, BOOK REVIEW

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